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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 10am to 2pm

Tacoma-Pierce County Association of REALTORS–Tacoma, WA

ATTENDANCE

Heyward Watson, Will Graham, Wanda Coats, Lynn Davison, Kevin Grossman, Paul Purcell, Connie Devaney, Mike Richart, Tom Tierney, Dave Gossett, Joan Hernandez.

STAFF

Heather Matthews, Jordan Deja, Cheryl Smith.

INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Heyward Watson

- Heyward summarized the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members approved the previous meeting summary.

COMMERCE UPDATE

Will Graham provided an update of ARRA weatherization work.

- The new Davis-Bacon and state prevailing wages will be rolled out over the next 3 weeks.
 - Washington will continue to pay workers the higher of the two wages.
- Washington has produced the 9th most weatherized units in the nation which equates to approximately 2,000 units and 23% of the total projected units.
 - Once Washington reaches 30% of their projected units, DOE will release the 2nd half of Washington's funding.
- Starting March 15, the federal government will offer rebates for newly purchased appliances.
 - Rebate amounts will be \$100 for clothing washers and \$75 for dishwashers.

L&I-Intent and affidavit discussion

- Mike Richart led a discussion related to a new L&I policy regarding ARRA funded intents and affidavits.
 - AHAB members decided to advise Commerce to make contact with L&I regarding the issue.
 - The scope of Commerce's discussion with L&I will be limited to procedures that affect housing affordability and issues that L&I can change.



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Proposed State Consolidated Homeless Grant Program Discussion

Annie Conant, Managing Director, Commerce Housing Assistance Unit, provided an overview of the proposed state consolidated homeless grant program.

- The program would merge funding from multiple programs and provide a single grant to statewide county governments for rent assistance, temporary housing operations, program operations and homeless services.
 - Washington counties are excited about this program, but are hoping that there will be sufficient funds allocated to administration costs.
- Monetary bonuses will be provided to counties when specified thresholds are met.
- The consolidated homeless grant program will be identified as a goal in the 2010 AHAB Report Card.

Five-Year Plan Discussion

- AHAB members are in the process of identifying which Five-Year Plan goals to focus on in 2010.
- AHAB members will also identify which goals should be pushed back until the 2011 legislative session.
- AHAB members will continue to strategize methods to gain increased exposure for the Five-Year Plan.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

PAT-Policy Advisory Team

- No Report

Farmworker Sub-Committee

- No report.

SACH

- No report.

OTHER GENERAL REPORTS

- Joan H. provided an overview of an article in "City Vision" magazine featuring Rogers Weed, Commerce Director.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- The next AHAB meeting will take place on the 26th of May at the Tacoma-Pierce County Association of REALTORS® from 10am-2pm.
- AHAB members discussed the member meeting absence policy and the process for replacing members listed on page five, paragraph two of the AHAB by-laws.

Future items:

1. *Commerce legislative overview*
2. *Stakeholder feedback for 2010 work plan*

MEETING ADJOURNED 3PM; Next Meeting: May 26, 2010



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